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**Education:**

Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Worcester, Massachusetts  
Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Biochemistry

**Experience:**

Chemist I, II

Eight years experience performing qualitative and quantitative analysis of drugs. Over 28,000 drug analyses completed. Over 7,500 cocaine and 3,000 heroin samples analyzed, marijuana samples tally in at 11,500. Over 5,500 prescription medications analyzed, of which almost 1,100 were oxycodone samples.

Has over nine years experience operating, maintaining and troubleshooting gas chromatographs, infrared and mass spectrometers. Was appointed an Assistant Analyst for the Department of Public Health on June 30, 2003.

**Further Education:**

-Completed Restek's GC/MS Training Seminar

-Completed training at the DEA State and Local Forensic Chemist Seminar